Modernisation of Calcutta Port

*127. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Financial Express of 16th August, 1991 regarding opposition to the modernisation of Calcutta Port;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a large number of workers at Calcutta Port are likely to be retrenched if the modernisation Port continues; and

(c) if so, what steps are being contemplated in this regard and to rehabilitate such workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

दिल्ली में पुलिस हिरासत में हुई मौतें

*128. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में 1 जनवरी, 1991 से 20 अगस्त, 1991 के दौरान पुलिस हिरासत में कितनी मौतें हुई ;

(ख) उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इन मौतों के लिए जिम्मेदार व्यक्तियों के विरूद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) दिल्ली पुलिस ने सूचना दी है कि 1 जनवरी, 1991 से 20 अगस्त, 1991 तक की अवधि के दौरान दिल्ली पुलिस हिरासत में पांच व्यक्ति मारें गए ।

(ख) मृतकों के नाम, मृत्यु होने की तिथि तथा उस पुलिस थाने का नाम, जिसके क्षेत्राधिकार में मृत्यु हुई इस प्रकार है :—

मृतक का नाम	मृत्यु की तिथि	पुलिस थाने का नाम
1. राणा सिंह	11-1-91	शाहदरा
2. राम स्वरूप	31-1-91	आर०के०पुरम
3. श्रीमती रायसीना	17-3-91	गोकलपुरी
4. जगन नाथ	10-5-91	लाहौरी गेट
5. जय राम	19-8-91	पटेल नगर

(ग) आठ पुलिस अधिकारियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है तथा उनके खिलाफ आपराधिक मामले दर्ज किए गए हैं । इस के अलावा, तीन पुलिस अधिकारियों को निलम्बित किया गया है । चार मामलोंमें मजिस्ट्रेट द्वारा जांच आरम्भ कर दी गई है ।

Indo-Soviet Relations

*129. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest assessment of Government with regard to the impact on Indo-Soviet relations due to recent events in the U.S.S.R.; and

(b) what are the broad conclusions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Political developments in the USSR are taking place at a rapid pace. Government are constantly monitoring and analysing these developments with a view to ensuring that they do not have an adverse impact on Indo-Soviet relations.

(b) With the signing of the New Union Treaty in USSR expected for later this year, the mechanics of cooperation may require change to take into account the new constitutional provisions of the USSR and the enhanced role that the Republics are expected to play within the new framework.

Pak Prime Minister's Interview to 'News Week'

*130. KUMARI ALIA;

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the Pak Prime Minister's reported 'News Week' interview that tension over the Kashmir issue could lead to Indo Pak war; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue with Pakistan Government and whether the matter was discussed during the talks with the Pak Foreign Secretary during his recent Delhi visit; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) During the visit of the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Pakistan from 18—21 August, 1991, clarification was sought regarding the apparent discrepancy between the message of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, that the Government of Pakistan was sincerely interested in resolving all bilateral problems peacefully and through a serious and constructive dialogue, and the reference to war in the interview given by the Pakistani Prime Minister to the Newsweek magazine. The Special Envoy clarified that the interview as reported in the Newsweek magazine, did not fully convey what the PM of Pakistan had really intended, particularly his desire for a peaceful resolution of all differences between India and Pakistan.

Transport System in Delhi

*131. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor transport system in Delhi;

(b) what is the minimum requirement of buses in the D.T.C. fleet which can cater to the needs of Delhi public;

(c) what is the number of buses available with D.T.C.; (i) service-able (upto five years old; five-eight years old eight-ten years old) (ii) unserviceable but repairable; and (iii) non-repairable;

(d) the number of private buses running under D.T.C. operation and whether any survey has been conducted to find out their operational service worthiness: and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to put the Delhi Transport System in order for the benefit of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by commuters of Delhi on account of constraints in the transport system.

(b) According to the DTC the total requirement of buses, to cater to the needs of the present commuters of Delhi, is estimated at 7950.